

Recent Graduates

UK Sample: 18th - 22nd May 2017

Г		Ge	ender			Age			Social	Grade	W	/hen did	you ach	ieve you	ır univer	sity or C	NAA fir	st degre	e?
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall

MFM_q2. Which of the following comes CLOSEST to how long you expected it to take to find a job in your preferred field of work when you graduated? (Please select the option that best applies)

Base: Recent University graduates	283	105	178	56	144	20	26	37	213	51	31	32	40	19	28	27	22	10	-
Less than a month	15%	12%	17%	7%	13%	25%	23%	24%	17%	10%	6%	19%	18%	21%	7%	11%	9%	20%	-
1 month	6%	4%	7%	7%	6%	-	8%	5%	7%	4%	-	13%	3%	11%	7%	7%	-	-	-
2 months	6%	6%	6%	9%	6%	5%	-	5%	6%	6%	-	6%	3%	-	4%	11%	5%	10%	-
3 months	13%	14%	13%	14%	15%	15%	8%	11%	14%	10%	19%	9%	18%	11%	7%	19%	9%	10%	-
4 months	6%	10%	4%	5%	9%	-	4%	3%	6%	10%	-	9%	8%	11%	21%	4%	5%	-	-
5 months	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	-	4%	-	1%	-	3%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	10%	-
6 months	12%	13%	11%	11%	12%	25%	8%	11%	13%	14%	6%	13%	13%	11%	7%	11%	27%	-	-
More than 6 months	13%	12%	14%	25%	13%	10%	8%	3%	13%	16%	19%	6%	10%	5%	11%	19%	23%	20%	-
Don't know/ can't recall	6%	9%	4%	2%	8%	5%	-	5%	3%	10%	13%	16%	3%	-	11%	-	5%	-	-
Not applicable - I did not have a preffered field of work when I graduated	21%	18%	22%	20%	16%	15%	38%	32%	20%	22%	32%	9%	25%	32%	25%	19%	18%	30%	-

MFM_q4. Which ONE, if any, of the following BEST describes what you were doing 6 months after graduating from university? (Please select the option the best applies)

Base: Recent University graduates	283	105	178	56	144	20	26	37	213	51	31	32	40	19	28	27	22	10	-
Working full-time	57%	65%	52%	55%	57%	45%	58%	65%	59%	43%	58%	44%	55%	63%	54%	59%	64%	40%	-
Working part-time	14%	12%	16%	13%	15%	10%	23%	11%	14%	18%	29%	19%	18%	16%	14%	22%	5%	-	-
Working on a zero-hour contract	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	10%	-	-	3%	2%	3%	-	3%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-
Doing unpaid/ voluntary work	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	-	6%	8%	-	7%	-	5%	-	-
Travelling	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	3%	1%	4%	-	9%	3%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-
Unemployed and looking for work	6%	9%	4%	5%	4%	20%	8%	5%	5%	10%	6%	3%	10%	-	4%	7%	14%	-	-
I was in education (i.e. studying for another degree/ qualification)	10%	6%	12%	18%	9%	10%	4%	3%	10%	10%	-	16%	5%	-	11%	4%	9%	40%	-
Other	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	-	4%	11%	3%	10%	3%	3%	-	11%	4%	7%	5%	20%	-
Don't know/ can't recall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall

MFM_q2. Which of the following comes CLOSEST to how long you expected it to take to find a job in your preferred field of work when you graduated? (Please select the option that best applies)

Base: Recent University graduates	283	9	13	13	14	14	15	22	13	-
Less than a month	15%	22%	8%	23%	21%	14%	13%	32%	-	-
1 month	6%	-	8%	8%	-	14%	7%	9%	15%	-
2 months	6%	22%	8%	8%	-	29%	-	5%	-	-
3 months	13%	22%	8%	8%	14%	7%	27%	14%	23%	-
4 months	6%	-	8%	-	14%	7%	-	9%	-	-
5 months	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 months	12%	11%	15%	8%	7%	-	20%	9%	8%	-
More than 6 months	13%	22%	-	23%	7%	7%	13%	14%	23%	-
Don't know/ can't recall	6%	-	15%	8%	14%	7%	-	-	-	-
Not applicable - I did not have a preffered field of work when I graduated	21%	-	31%	15%	21%	14%	20%	9%	31%	-

MFM_q4. Which ONE, if any, of the following BEST describes what you were doing 6 months after graduating from university? (Please select the option the best applies)

Base: Recent University graduates	283	9	13	13	14	14	15	22	13	-
Working full-time	57%	56%	31%	54%	64%	71%	73%	64%	31%	-
Working part-time	14%	-	23%	8%	14%	7%	-	14%	23%	-
Working on a zero-hour contract	3%	11%	15%	-	7%	-	7%	-	8%	-
Doing unpaid/ voluntary work	4%	11%	8%	-	-	7%	-	5%	-	-
Travelling	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unemployed and looking for work	6%	11%	-	8%	-	7%	-	-	8%	-
I was in education (i.e. studying for another degree/ qualification)	10%	11%	23%	31%	14%	-	13%	18%	31%	-
Other	4%	-	-	-	-	7%	7%	-	-	-
Don't know/ can't recall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



	Ge	ender			Age			Social	Grade	W	/hen did	you ach	ieve you	ur univer	sity or C	NAA firs	st degre	e?
Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall

Thinking about the amount of money you paid on fees and living expenses at university for your most recent degree...

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Please select one option on each row)

MFM_q7b_1. "I think the cost of going to university were worth it for the experiences and fun I had"

Base: Recent University graduates	283	105	178	56	144	20	26	37	213	51	31	32	40	19	28	27	22	10	-
Strongly agree	24%	26%	22%	29%	21%	10%	23%	35%	21%	35%	13%	16%	25%	26%	32%	22%	23%	10%	-
Tend to agree	35%	36%	34%	32%	38%	25%	38%	30%	36%	27%	42%	41%	33%	26%	36%	33%	27%	40%	-
Tend to disagree	21%	20%	21%	23%	24%	15%	12%	14%	23%	16%	19%	25%	15%	32%	14%	26%	27%	20%	-
Strongly disagree	14%	12%	16%	16%	11%	45%	15%	8%	15%	12%	10%	19%	20%	11%	7%	19%	14%	20%	-
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	-	6%	5%	12%	14%	5%	10%	16%	-	8%	5%	11%	-	9%	10%	-
Net: Agree	59%	62%	57%	61%	59%	35%	62%	65%	57%	63%	55%	56%	58%	53%	68%	56%	50%	50%	-
Net: Disagree	35%	32%	37%	39%	35%	60%	27%	22%	38%	27%	29%	44%	35%	42%	21%	44%	41%	40%	-

MFM_q7b_2. "I think the cost of going to university were worth it for the career prospects/ learning I gained"

Base: Recent University graduates	283	105	178	56	144	20	26	37	213	51	31	32	40	19	28	27	22	10	-
Strongly agree	30%	32%	29%	25%	30%	25%	35%	38%	27%	37%	23%	31%	35%	26%	46%	26%	18%	-	-
Tend to agree	31%	30%	32%	36%	31%	25%	23%	35%	34%	18%	35%	25%	28%	26%	25%	33%	36%	70%	-
Tend to disagree	19%	20%	18%	18%	21%	15%	27%	8%	20%	16%	13%	31%	18%	21%	21%	22%	18%	20%	-
Strongly disagree	16%	13%	17%	20%	16%	30%	12%	5%	14%	24%	23%	13%	18%	16%	4%	19%	14%	-	-
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	14%	4%	6%	6%	-	3%	11%	4%	-	14%	10%	-
Net: Agree	61%	62%	61%	61%	60%	50%	58%	73%	62%	55%	58%	56%	63%	53%	71%	59%	55%	70%	-
Net: Disagree	35%	33%	35%	38%	37%	45%	38%	14%	34%	39%	35%	44%	35%	37%	25%	41%	32%	20%	-



	W	nen did y	ou achi	eve you	univers	ity or Cl	NAA higl	ner degr	ee?
Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall

Thinking about the amount of money you paid on fees and living expenses at university for your most recent degree...

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Please select one option on each row)

MFM_q7b_1. "I think the cost of going to university were worth it for the experiences and fun I had"

Base: Recent University graduates	283	9	13	13	14	14	15	22	13	-
Strongly agree	24%	11%	31%	38%	14%	29%	20%	45%	15%	-
Tend to agree	35%	44%	46%	46%	50%	29%	27%	18%	31%	-
Tend to disagree	21%	11%	8%	8%	29%	21%	13%	23%	31%	-
Strongly disagree	14%	22%	15%	8%	7%	14%	33%	9%	23%	-
Don't know	6%	11%	-	-	-	7%	7%	5%	-	-
Net: Agree	59%	56%	77%	85%	64%	57%	47%	64%	46%	-
Net: Disagree	35%	33%	23%	15%	36%	36%	47%	32%	54%	_

MFM_q7b_2. "I think the cost of going to university were worth it for the career prospects/ learning I gained"

Base: Recent University graduates	283	9	13	13	14	14	15	22	13	-
Strongly agree	30%	-	38%	38%	43%	29%	13%	55%	8%	-
Tend to agree	31%	33%	46%	31%	14%	36%	33%	27%	54%	-
Tend to disagree	19%	11%	-	15%	21%	21%	20%	9%	15%	-
Strongly disagree	16%	44%	15%	15%	14%	14%	27%	5%	23%	-
Don't know	4%	11%	-	-	7%	-	7%	5%	-	-
Net: Agree	61%	33%	85%	69%	57%	64%	47%	82%	62%	-
Net: Disagree	35%	56%	15%	31%	36%	36%	47%	14%	38%	-



	Ge	ender		Age				Social	Social Grade When did you achieve your university or CNAA first de								st degre	e?
Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall

MFM_q8. **For the following question, if you have already paid off your student loan, or you have never had a student loan, please select the relevant "Not applicable" option.**How well, if at all, do you understand the **current interest rate** on your student loan?

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Base: Recent University graduates	283	105	178	56	144	20	26	37	213	51	31	32	40	19	28	27	22	10	-
Understand very well	6%	10%	4%	7%	7%	-	4%	5%	6%	8%	10%	3%	10%	5%	7%	11%	-	-	-
Understand fairly well	19%	25%	16%	20%	24%	20%	12%	3%	18%	22%	16%	34%	15%	11%	32%	19%	18%	20%	-
Do not understand very well	24%	20%	26%	39%	27%	10%	12%	5%	25%	24%	13%	28%	18%	37%	18%	37%	50%	10%	-
Do not understand at all	17%	10%	21%	18%	25%	10%	-	-	15%	24%	19%	16%	23%	21%	21%	11%	-	30%	-
Not applicable - I have already paid off my student loan	7%	7%	7%	2%	8%	15%	12%	3%	7%	4%	10%	3%	5%	-	4%	4%	5%	-	-
Not applicable - I did not have a student loan	27%	30%	26%	14%	9%	45%	62%	84%	29%	20%	32%	16%	30%	26%	18%	19%	27%	40%	-
Net: Understand	25%	34%	20%	27%	31%	20%	15%	8%	24%	29%	26%	38%	25%	16%	39%	30%	18%	20%	-
Net: Don't understand	41%	30%	48%	57%	52%	20%	12%	5%	40%	47%	32%	44%	40%	58%	39%	48%	50%	40%	-

MFM_q9a. **For the following question, if you have already paid off your student loan, please think about how long it took you from the time you graduated.** Approximately, how many years do you expect it will take to completely pay off your student loan from the time that you graduated? Please type your answer to the nearest year in the box below.

Base: Recent University graduates - had a student loan	206	74	132	48	131	11	10	6	151	41	21	27	28	14	23	22	16	6	-
Years	44%	54%	38%	25%	53%	55%	20%	17%	50%	22%	48%	48%	36%	43%	43%	32%	25%	50%	-
Don't know	15%	12%	17%	15%	13%	18%	30%	33%	12%	22%	10%	15%	29%	7%	22%	5%	13%	33%	-
Not applicable - I don't think I will ever pay off my student loan	41%	34%	45%	60%	34%	27%	50%	50%	38%	56%	43%	37%	36%	50%	35%	64%	63%	17%	-
MFM_q9_1a_rc. (labelmissing)																			
Base: Recent University graduates - had a student loan	206	74	132	48	131	11	10	6	151	41	21	27	28	14	23	22	16	6	-
0	0%	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-
1 to 10	10%	15%	8%	2%	12%	27%	10%	-	13%	2%	24%	4%	11%	14%	4%	9%	-	-	-
11 to 20	17%	26%	13%	4%	24%	18%	10%	-	19%	12%	14%	19%	7%	14%	26%	5%	6%	33%	-
21 to 30	10%	5%	12%	10%	10%	9%	-	17%	11%	2%	5%	11%	11%	14%	9%	5%	13%	17%	-
31 to 40	4%	7%	3%	4%	5%	-	-	-	5%	2%	5%	11%	7%	-	-	9%	-	-	-
41 to 50	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	-	-	-	1%	2%	-	4%	-	-	4%	5%	-	-	-
Mean	20.77	19.35	21.90	27.08	20.42	13.83	11.00	30.00	20.32	24.33	16.30	26.92	23.80	16.83	22.40	26.57	20.00	21.67	-



	WI	When did you achieve your university or CNAA higher degree?													
Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Don't know/ can't recall						

MFM_q8. **For the following question, if you have already paid off your student loan, or you have never had a student loan, please select the relevant "Not applicable" option.**How well, if at all, do you understand the **current interest rate** on your student loan?

Base: Recent University graduates	283	9	13	13	14	14	15	22	13	-
Understand very well	6%	-	-	-	7%	7%	7%	-	8%	-
Understand fairly well	19%	22%	8%	15%	29%	-	7%	9%	38%	-
Do not understand very well	24%	11%	23%	38%	7%	14%	13%	32%	15%	-
Do not understand at all	17%	-	8%	8%	21%	29%	13%	27%	38%	-
Not applicable - I have already paid off my student loan	7%	22%	23%	8%	7%	21%	7%	5%	-	-
Not applicable - I did not have a student loan	27%	44%	38%	31%	29%	29%	53%	27%	-	-
Net: Understand	25%	22%	8%	15%	36%	7%	13%	9%	46%	-
Net: Don't understand	41%	11%	31%	46%	29%	43%	27%	59%	54%	-

MFM_q9a. **For the following question, if you have already paid off your student loan, please think about how long it took you from the time you graduated.** Approximately, how many years do you expect it will take to completely pay off your student loan from the time that you graduated? Please type your answer to the nearest year in the box below.

Base: Recent University graduates - had a student loan	206	5	8	9	10	10	7	16	13	-
Years	44%	60%	38%	56%	50%	70%	57%	44%	15%	-
Don't know	15%	20%	25%	11%	10%	10%	-	19%	23%	-
Not applicable - I don't think I will ever pay off my student loan	41%	20%	38%	33%	40%	20%	43%	38%	62%	-
MFM_q9_1a_rc. (labelmissing)										
Base: Recent University graduates - had a student loan	206	5	8	9	10	10	7	16	13	-
0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 10	10%	20%	13%	-	30%	20%	14%	6%	8%	-
11 to 20	17%	20%	25%	44%	10%	30%	29%	19%	8%	-
21 to 30	10%	20%	-	11%	10%	20%	-	13%	-	-
31 to 40	4%	-	-	-	-	-	14%	6%	-	-
41 to 50	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mean	20.77	15.67	13.67	19.40	11.00	16.86	20.00	23.57	12.50	-